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Poloff June 12 delivered reftel points to MFA Near East Affairs Attache Dionysis Dionysiou. Dionysiou responded June 13 that the MFA's Department of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid (CyprusAid) would likely target its annual voluntary contribution to UNRWA (15,000 CYP, approx USD 34,500) to aid Palestinian refugees displaced in Lebanon. The MFA favored upping the donation to 30,000 CYP, he revealed, and has sought approval from the ROC's Council of Ministers for the increase. Dionysiou added that CyprusAid was also considering two other projects in Lebanon, including one to improve sewage systems there. ZIMMERMAN